Civil/Electrical Firms with CPWD

4543. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether rules have been framed for registration of civil and electrical firms in various CPWD Enquiries in Delhi and outside Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for awarding the tenders to various registered civil and electrical firms in various CPWD Enquiries in Delhi; and

(d) what are the details of the names of various registered firms for civil and electrical works in the CPWD Enquiries in Sectors-7, 8, 9 and 12 in R.K. Puram and CPWD colony in Vasant Vihar from 1st January 1996 to 31st March, 2000 ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) and (b) Rules have been framed for the enlistment/registration of the contractors in four categories in CPWD namely (a) Buildings & Roads, (b) Electrical, (c) Furniture, and (d) Heating Ventialation & Air Conditioning. Each category has four classes except Buildings and Roads, which have five classes. The enlistment/ registration for various categories with tendering limits is done by designated authorities based on various parameters. These contractors undertake works in CPWD enquiry offices also apart from other works.

(c) Works are awarded to the contractors on the basis of the monetary limit as per their enlistment/registration and competitiveness of the rates offered by them for execution of works.

(d) Details are at Annexure. [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 113].

Pollution in Cities

†4544. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that due to increasing population, pollution is rising in most of the cities in the country;

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†Original Notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government have prepared any effective scheme/programme for resolving this problem;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) The increasing trend of population also results in pollution problems. To control the problem Government has brought into force the following Acts :—

(i) Water (Pollution Prevention & Control) Act, 1974

(ii) Air (Pollution Prevention & Control) Act, 1981

(iii) Environment (Protection) Act, 1981 & 1986

The Ministry of Environment and Forests has taken several steps to control pollution in major cities as per details in the Statement [*See* below].

Further, Government has adopted the strategy of development of rural areas (through various schemes), small and medium towns and satellite towns to check in-migration of population in the major cities.

Statement

* Effluent and emission standards have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to check pollution.

* Highly polluting industries have been directed to install necessary pollution control equipment in a time bound basis and legal action has been initiated against the defaulting units.

* Under the World Bank Scheme, 89 Common Effluent Treatment Plants have been provided subsidy, which are at various stages of implementation.

* Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 1994 is in force governing environmental appraisal of 29 specified categories of developmental projects.

* For control of pollution from vehicles, emission norms for both petrol and diesel driven vehicles at the manufacturing stage were introduced for the first time in 1990 and made tighter in 1996. More stringent emission norms will come into effect from 1-4-2000.

* Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) is supplied for automobiles through a number of retail outlets in Delhi and Mumbai to cater to the CNG fitted vehicles.

* 24 critically polluted areas have been identified. Action Plans have been drawn up for restoration of environmental quality in these areas.

* Action Plans for control of pollution in Delhi and Mumbai are being implemented. A decreasing trend in Air pollution has been observed recently in Delhi and Mumbai due to various pollution control measures taken by the Government.

Participation of Private Sector in Waste Disposal

4545. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are planning to involve private sector in waste disposal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, how Government plan to dispose off the increasing quantity of waste particularly in Urban areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) Since waste disposal in urban areas is the responsibility of the Urban Local Bodies, it is for these bodies to plan and decide on the involvement of the private sector. It is understood that a few Municipal Corporations in the country have contracted out a part of the municipal functions on waste disposal to private parties.

The Ministry of Urban Development is involved in assisting the State Governments and Urban Local Bodies in policy formulation and sensitising them on private sector participation, as well as exposure to international experience in this area.

Disposal of Applications for Conversion of Leasehold to Freehold

4546. DR.Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications received from Golf Link and Ganga Apartments areas of New Delhi for conversion of leasehold to free hold;